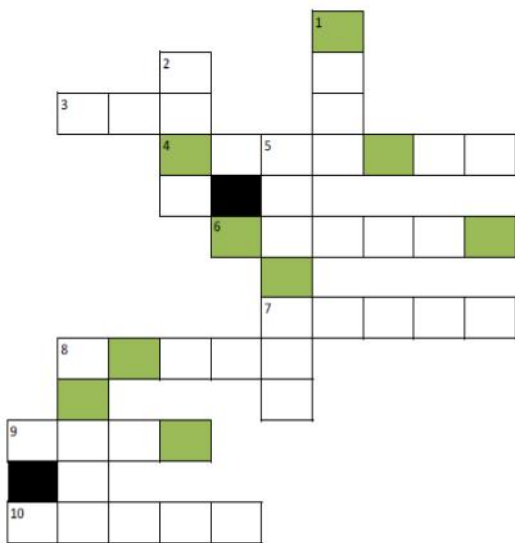




# Eastern Harps GAA Club



## Kids' Crossword Competition



### Down

1. Surname name of men's last senior winning captain
2. First name of clubs first chairman
5. Festival held on pitch every July
8. First name of men's last senior winning captain

### Across

3. Number of Ladies senior county titles
4. Surname of clubs first chairman
6. River that flows through Ballinafad
7. Lough close to Ballinafad
8. Number of Mens senior county titles
9. Lough close to Cloonloo
10. Surname of current chairman

Now take the letters in the green boxes and use them to solve the question:

### You see this every day on your way to training?

To enter text your answer and name to Shaun Dorrian on 087 9961932 or online on our website. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

First prize: €30 voucher for John Lavins      Second prize: €20 voucher for John Lavins

### Contact Information:

Further information on all events on the newsletter are available

On our website: [www.easternharps.com](http://www.easternharps.com)

On our Twitter: @EasternHarpsGAA

On our Facebook: [www.facebook.com/easternharps.gaa](http://www.facebook.com/easternharps.gaa)

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Bingo: Damien McGovern 086 223 7490

Premium Sponsors: Padraig Henry 086 069 1853



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## We would like to thank our Premium Sponsors:

- O'Dowd Haulage
- Tanseys Centra
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- Fintan & Dawn Mc Gowan
- The Travellers Rest
- Teach Murray
- McHugh Express
- James Duffy Accountants
- East Brothers
- Ronan & Olive Higgins

## Please support our Premium Sponsors

## 2014 Roll of Honour:

- Junior Men Championship
- Ladies Intermediate League
- U16 Boys Championship
- U14 Boys League
- U16 Girls Championship
- U16 Girls League
- U14 Girls Championship
- U12 Girls Championship

## Well done to all involved

## Dates for your Diary:

Bingo: Every Friday at 8.30pm in Gurteen Hall

Operation Transformation Launch & Registration: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Players Registration: January & February 2015

Members Draw: April 2015

See our Weekly Notes, Website, Facebook and Twitter for more specific dates closer to the time

## Message from our Chairman

Welcome to the first edition of the Eastern Harps newsletter in which we wish to keep you up to date on what is going in the club and proposed future developments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, members and players for their support throughout the year. It was another busy and exciting year for the club with success both on and off the field. We had over 400 boys and girls from U6's right up senior taking part with our Junior men, Intermediate Ladies, U16 boys, U14 boys, U16 girls, U14 girls and U12 girls all bringing home silverware. Off the field our fundraising for the new dressing rooms has broken the €100,000 mark and rising. Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

*Padraig Henry*

## Pitch Development

For the last three years our members have been fundraising for the development of a new clubhouse and dressing rooms at Keash. These are necessary to cater for our increasing numbers with often four teams using the two existing dressing rooms at any time. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application for funding under the Sports Capital Grant this year but thanks to your continued support we have now raised over €100,000. The club will continue to fundraise with a view to enhancing our chances of obtaining matching funds through grant aid and in particular the next Sports Capital Grant application process. If grant aid cannot be secured by early 2016 we may need to secure funds commercially. Either way given the urgent need to develop a new clubhouse fit for purpose we are aiming to break ground in 2016. We are hoping to explore novel fundraising ideas to help with the project and if anyone has ideas/suggestions please contact the pitch development chairman, Sean Scott on 086 3899696.

## Proposed New 2-Storey Clubhouse



Proposed Northeast Elevation

The full plans are available on our website.



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## The Kerry Mc Keon Literary Award

The inaugural Kerry Mc Keon Literary Award was launched this year to remember one of our most loyal supporters. The essay completion took place in all the local national schools with over 100 entries. The overall winner was Eimear McCoy of Carn NS and the runner up went to Aoibhe Carty of Keash NS.

Check out Kerry's blog on our website for excellent insights into the history of our club and the GAA. Kerry's father PJ has continued the blog in Kerry's memory.



PJ McKeon, Eimear McCoy & Mary McKeon

We would like to thank all the schools for their support and details of this year's competition will be in schools shortly.

## 2014 Champions

- **Junior B Mens Championship Winners**  
Well done to our Juniors who won our first piece of silverware at this level since 1994. The team was managed by Fergal Duffy and was assisted by Enda McManemy George Garvey.
- **Intermediate Ladies League Winners**  
Well done to our senior ladies on a marvellous year. Well done to all players and their managers Jack Haran and Paul Judge.
- **U16 Boys Championship Winners**  
Last won in 2006 the team was managed by John Bruen, Colm Duffy and Paul Dwyer.
- **U14 Boys League Winners**  
Our second success at this level in three years. Well done to all the players and the management team of Shaun Dorrian, Neil Molloy, Eamon Clarke and Damien McGovern.
- **U16 Girls Championship & League Winners**  
An exceptional year for our U16 girls who did the championship and league double. Well done to all players and their managers Patrick Henry, Morgan McCormack and Michelle Mullen.
- **U14 Girls Championship Winners**  
Our U14 girls have now won the championship at this level for the last three years. Huge congratulations to all the players and their managers Patricia McDonagh and Mary Hannon.
- **U12 Girls Championship Winners**  
First success since 2009. Well done to all the players and their managers Deirdre O'Brien and Benny Connolly

See our Website and Facebook page for photos and match reports

## Feile 2014

The club once again took part in Feile where the club hosted Ennistymon GAA Club from Clare. After games against Abbeyside-Ballinacourty, Balla and Ennistymon we progressed from our group to the Feile Cup Competition where we lost by a last minute penalty to Parke GAA Club from Mayo. Our lads really enjoyed the event and have made lifelong friendships with the Ennistymon lads. Many thanks to all the parents who hosted the Ennistymon players and all the others that helped out in providing refreshments and entertainment.

## Eastern Harps Fundraising Activities

As with all clubs we are fully reliant on the generosity of the people within and outside our club area to fund the day to day running of the club. We are striving to keep our costs to a minimum while maintaining high standards within the club. Every March over €20,000 has to be paid to the County Board for fees and registration on top of the day to day costs with running a club. Over the last few years expenses have been more than our income and we cannot afford to let this continue. Our members will be actively fundraising over the next few months. The following are details of our main activities:

## Members Grand Draw

Our yearly draw, with prize money of €2,000, is our main source of income for the day to day costs. However the members have been in steady decline for the last few years. We will be looking for new members in the coming months and during the registration days next year. The draw costs € per week throughout the year and can be paid monthly by Direct Debit, cash/cheque or on our website. Direct Debit forms are available from any club member. Members of the draw get their registration for €1 for each member of the family, entry into a draw for an All-Ireland Final Ticket, entry to the English & Irish lotto as part of a syndicate and entry into the yearly draw for €2,000 in prizes.

## Bingo

Bingo has been running successfully every Friday at 8.30pm since 2012 in partnership with Gurteen Hall Committee. It is the main contributor to our development fund and we wish to sincerely thank the members of the Hall Committee for affording us the opportunity to share in their fundraising venture. We look forward to its continued success into the future for the benefit of both groups.

## Operation Transformation

Following the very successful running of Operation Transformation for the last two years, preparations are in full swing again this year for its third and final year. Funds raised from this go exclusively towards our development fund and we hope to make it the most successful year yet. For further information you can contact Aisling Stephenson on 086 3825903.

## 2014 Draw Winners

- Nicholas Murray - €10,000
- Pdraig Philips - €5,000
- James & Roger McGowan - €3,000
- Patrick Dwyer - €1,000
- Paul Judge - €500
- Margaret Soden - €500
- Eamon Molloy - €250
- John Farrell - €250
- Pat & Marguerite McGovern - €250
- Patricia Casey - €250
- Mary Frances & Paul Dwyer - €100
- Stephen & Mary Hannon - €100
- Bernard Furey - €100
- Edel & Seamus O'Donnell - €100
- Pdraig Henry - €100
- James Mitchell - €100
- Michael Hannon - €100
- PJ & Anita Langton - €100
- Mary Henry - €100
- Joseph & Mary Hannon - €100

Congratulations to all our 2014 winners.

## Fundraising & Fundraisers

With the new pitch development and increased running costs we hope to run one major fund raiser in late 2015. We are also keen to hear from anyone interested in helping with fundraising or with fundraising ideas. Keep an eye on our website, Twitter and Facebook for further information.